Integrated Development of Mushroom

1976. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTUE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3827, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 2001 and state :

(a) whether the assistance given under the scheme of Integrated Development of Mushroom has been on the decrease year after year, from 1998-99 to 2000-2001; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government would continue to give assistance to States for development of Mushroom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The assistance given to States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Mushroom during 1999-2000 was Rs. 178.96 Lakhs which was marginally less than amount of Rs. 197.92 Lakhs released during 1998-1999. The marginal decreases in release of funds was due to unspent balances lying the States. During 2000-2001 an amount of only Rs. 50.00 Lakhs was released to the States as this scheme was subsumed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of States efforts through work plans from October, 2000.

(b) The Government of India continues to give assistance to States for the development of mushroom under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of States efforts through work plans. Need for mushroom development has to be prioritized by States through their work plans.

Drought in Gujarat

1977. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the average monsoon rainfall in Gujarat during the current calendar year, district-wise;

(b) whether many parts of the state were affected by severe drought;

(c) if so, the details thereof and what was the loss of life, livestock, crops, etc.; and